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**GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS BLACKBURN TO HEALTHY CAROLINIANS  
TASK FORCE**

**Raleigh** - Gov. Mike Easley has appointed **Robert Blackburn** of Boiling Springs to the Governor's Task Force for Healthy Carolinians.

Blackburn is president of the National Foundation for Achievement of Health Education, a former president of the Association of North Carolina Boards of Health, and a former member of the N.C. Public Health Task Force. He earned the President's Award from the Association of North Carolina Boards of Health in 2007 and a Professional Service Award from American Association of Health Education in 2004. Blackburn earned his Bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Erskine College in Due West, S.C. and his Master's degree and Doctorate in health and physical education from the George Peabody School of Education at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

The task force advises the state health director and the secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services on policies, programs and resources needed to improve public health. It designates and provides support to the local Healthy Carolinians Task Force and establishes a steering committee to provide oversight for grants. There are 37 members on the task force, each serving a four-year term. The governor appoints 33 members. The Senate President Pro Tempore and the Speaker of the House each appoint two members.

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